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**AUBURN MAN SENTENCED TO 21 MONTHS OF IMPRISONMENT  
FOR COMMITTING SOCIAL SECURITY FRAUD**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced that David Francis Slavens, 60, of Auburn, California, was sentenced yesterday, January 6, 2004 by United States District Judge Morrison C. England to 21 months of imprisonment, and three years of supervised release for defrauding the Social Security Administration out of \$197,384 by claiming to suffer from chronic fatigue syndrome.

According to Norman Y. Wong, who prosecuted the case, Slavens received social security disability benefits from 1988 until 2002. During that time, however, he maintained a pilot's license which required him to undergo physical examinations every two years by Federal Aviation Administration doctors. At these examinations, Slavens told the FAA doctors that he was in good health, and the doctors confirmed this. Slavens never informed the Social Security Administration of these examinations.

On April 2, 2003, a jury found Slavens guilty of two counts of failing to disclose to the Social Security Administration events which affected his right to social security disability benefits.

This case is the product of an investigation by the Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General.

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